(iv) Equity and Access.

(v) Management of Higher Education System and UGC Administration.

(vi) Engineering and Technology.

(c) and (d) The information is being collected and will be laid on the Table of the House.

Sub-Standard food under ICDS in Orissa

730. SHRI ANANTA SETHI: Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government are aware of the distribution of sub-standard food to the children and pregnant mothers through Integrated Child Development Programme in Orissa;

(b) whether these sub-standard foods were distributed in the cyclone affected areas in the State through CARE, the nodal Agency for all American assistance; and

(c) the reaction of Government thereto?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT (SHRIMATI SUMITRA MAHAJAN): (a) and (b) No, Sir.

(c) Does not arise.

Qualifications for TGTs/PGTs in Kendriya Vidyalayas

731. SHRI GAYA SINGH: Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that Degree/Diploma in Teaching/ Education is an essential qualification for the post of TGT and PGT in Kendriya Vidyalayas, which if not possessed at the time of initial recruitment, had to be acquired within first three years of appointment; and

(b) if so, the circumstances under which some PGTs of Bhopal region had been allowed to continue though they did not acquire the

Degree/Diploma in Education till they superannunated and have been allowed to draw pension and the justification therefor?

THE MINISTER OF HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENTS, (DR. MURLI MANOHAR JOSHI): (a) The meritorious candidates, having the prescribed marks in accordance with the recruitment rules and not having Degree/Diploma in Teaching/Education, if selected, are being placed on trial basis intially for a period of two years which may be extended only in exceptional cases by the appointing authority for a total period not exeeding 5 years from the date of initial appointment or as required, depending on merit of individiual cases. No further extension is allowed.

(b) Necessary details are being collected and will be placed on the Table of the House.

Funds for NER for SCERT/DIET Programmes

732. SHRI W. ANGOU SINGH: Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) the amount of funds allotted to each State of North-Eastern Region for the programmes of SCERT;

(b) whether Government have any plan of opening training centres for giving advance training to teachers of the DIET Centres;

(c) if so, when would it be started; and

(d) if not, whether Government would open these specially for the North-Eastern Region?

THE MINISTER OF HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT (DR. MURLI MANOHAR JOSHI): (a) The amount of funds allotted so far to SCERTs in the States of the North-Eastern Region under Scheme of Restructuring and Reorganisation of Teacher Education is stated below:—

Assam	Rs. 23.50 Lakhs
Manipur	Rs. 25.00 Lakhs
Meghalaya	Rs. 50.00 Lakhs
Mizoram	Rs. 25.00 Lakhs